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NEW MEXICO MAN SENTENCED FOR POST OFFICE BURGLARY

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that 29-year-old Darin M. Dominguez of Hobbs, New Mexico, was sentenced to 30 months in federal prison and ordered to pay \$7,000 restitution for the July 4, 2003, burglary and damage to the United States Post Office in Lenorah, Texas.

Dominguez pled guilty in September to felony violations of two federal statutes that prohibit breaking into post offices and damaging mail receptacles. More than \$7,000 in damage to the post office was caused by Dominguez's actions, and the post office in the small Martin County town was shut down for several weeks in July while clean up and repairs were undertaken. Investigators were able to identify Dominguez as the culprit because he cut his hand while breaking into the facility, leaving a partial bloody fingerprint.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and officers with the Martin County Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney Glenn Roque-Jackson.

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